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09/13/2013 Minutes

Town of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 9/11/2013, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, Len Kardon, Paul Kent, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Jeff Maxtutis

Members of the Public Present: Paulo Marinelli, Adam Kurowski, GIS Coordinator for the Town of Arlington

- Public Comments. Paulo Marinelli spoke against brick crosswalks recently replaced in Arlington Heights. They don't increase visibility and they do increase risk of tripping. Elisabeth noted that she and Scott took a position against brick crosswalks. Howard said that he did not think TAC took a formal position. Paulo was directed to contact Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine and DPW Director Mike Rademacher.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 8/14/13 were approved unanimously
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Safe Routes to Schools Maps. Adam Kurowski, GIS Coordinator for the Town, said that he was interested in adding Safe Routes information to the Town's GIS maps. Scott suggested calling it "recommended routes". TAC asked Adam to put Safe Routes information onto the maps for TAC review._
- Town reports.
 - Laura (Planning) reported that the Arlington Center Parking Study RFP is out and proposals are due September 24. CLAMP is proceeding since the Town came to agreement with the owner of the property at 594 Mass. Ave. to lease some land for 7 parking spaces to replace the spaces that are proposed to be removed along Mass. Ave. between Pleasant Street and Pond Lane. MassDOT is requiring that we have another public meeting to present the new plans. Pavement marking of new bus stops and installation of new street furniture under the Key Bus Routes Program is expected to begin any day now.
 - Wayne (DPW) reported that he is keeping track of how the Flashing Beacon at Mill and the Bike Path is working. Repaving of the western section of Massachusetts Avenue is underway. They are working on pavement markings that include bike lanes wherever possible.
 - Corey (Police) reported that October 9 is International Walk to School Day. He is working on increased enforcement of the 2 hour parking limit near the High School.
- Route 2/16. Howard proposed a letter to MPO requesting that the project schedule be moved forward if possible. Improvements could help bus service. Howard will look for Functional Design Report. Laura will contact Cambridge and MassDOT to check on project.
- Lake Street Study Funding: Jeff Maxtutis proposed that up to \$750 of TAC funds be spent for a capacity and simulation analysis of three intersections along Lake Street: Minuteman Bikeway, Brooks Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue, as part of the Lake Street study to improve operations. It was approved unanimously.
- Mill Street Flashing Beacon: Observations have begun. More are needed.

- Jason/Mill/Mass Ave: DPW is working on a pavement marking plan with the subcommittee that developed guidelines. Wayne said that they would like to use the consultant hired to work on the Jason/Mass/Mill intersection to look at Mass. Ave. between Jason and Schouler Ct. for comprehensive pavement markings.

Thompson School, North Union, Everett: Scott Smith reported that the speed sign on North Union is working.

- Sidewalks around Schools: Send information to Adam K.
- Crosswalk Flags: There are about 40 flags left. Jean said she could remove the flags from Crosby Street location because we now have a crossing guard there. TAC discussed how to fund the program. Should TAC take it on and pay for it, or offer it to schools? If no one wants to pay for it, should it be discontinued?
- Route 60/Mystic Valley Parkway: Pavement markings have gone down for ramps.
- Bartlett Street: TAC received a referral from Selectmen about traffic concerns associated with the new Whole Foods. New Working Group formed—Corey, Wayne and Marjorie. Corey will lead.
- Three items were not ready for discussion: Edgehill Road STOP signs, School Zone for Gibbs School, Paul Revere Road STOP signs. They will be deferred to a future meeting.
- Broadway and Palmer: Scott collected some town wide crash data. He will look at it as well as parking data.
- Town Day: Displays for Crash data, CLAMP map, sample flags, bus schedules and other handouts.
- Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for August: Agenda; Minutes of 8/8/2013; Request from Board of Selectmen of 8/20/2013 regarding Safe Travel to Thompson School; Memo from Selectmen Re. Bartlett Avenue; Traffic and Parking Concerns re. Whole Foods, dated September 5, 2013; Memo from Selectmen Re. Ridge Street Center Line Request, dated September 5, 2013; Working Group list dated 9/11/13; BoS/ARB Request Status, 9/11/2013; Individual Action List, 8/14/13; Status of Approved Actions, 9/11/13;
- Letter from Sen. Kenneth Donnelly to Jack Murray, Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Re. Safety Concerns at Mystic Valley Parkway/Route 60 Roundabout, dated September 4, 2013;

Email from Sheri Donovan to Kathy Bodie dated 8/2/13 in support of the crosswalk change.
State Reported Pedestrian and Bike Crashes with Motor Vehicles 2005-2010, and State Reported Motor Vehicle Crashes 2005-2010.

- Bishop School Suggested Walking Routes
- Memo to TAC from WAC Re. TAC Update Items, dated September 11, 2013.